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Government signs contract for beautification of Oranjestad Historical Center



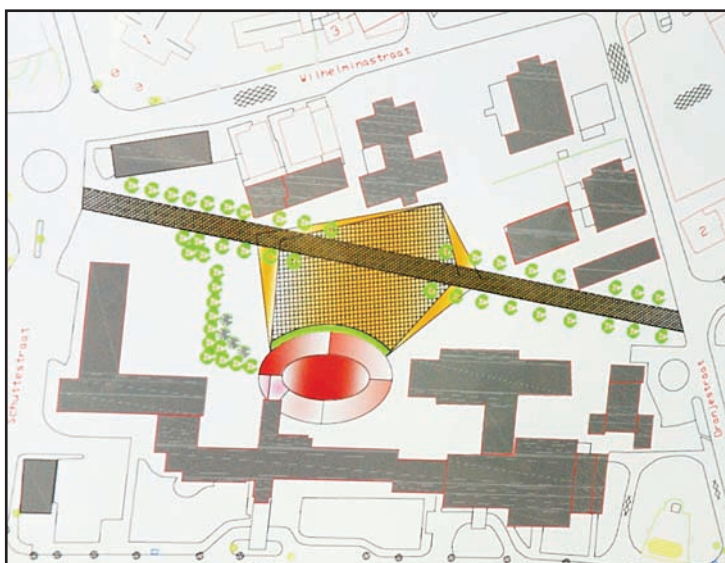
Advisor to Minister Sevinger, Juni Tromp



Location for the modern government building annex



Aerial view of what will be historical center



Plan for dedicated Historical Center

Prime Minister Mike Eman and Minister of Infrastructure, Integration and Environment, Oslin (Benny) Sevinger announced yesterday morning that financing for the restoration and beautification of the areas of Oranjestad adjacent to Government House and Parliament have been approved by Holland; work will commence on the buildings and streets on September 1, 2011.

The area, which will include plazas and pedestrian walks, will stretch from the Archeological Museum on the Schelpstraat to Fort Zoutman. There are several buildings there which have already been restored to some degree under the auspices of Aruba's Monument Bureau with funding from Holland and Aruba through the Fondo Desaroyo Aruba, FDA. Holland has already approved the funding of the new project.

Prime Minister Eman and Minister Sevinger expressed their extreme satisfaction with the diligence of Juni Tromp, adviser to the Ministry of Infrastructure, in seeing the project initiated and contracted, with assistance from the Department of Public Works and other agencies. *Cont. pg 4*

High expectations for Business Guarantee Fund



Last July the government signed an agreement with the financial institutions of Aruba to institute a Guarantee Fund for small and medium size businesses. Currently many existing businesses or new entrepreneurs lack sufficient solidity to give banks the assurance that they would be in a position to repay a loan. In the agreement there are specific indications as to how they should move ahead on this project. A guarantee fund will make loans much more accessible to small and medium size businesses. It appears that our financial institutions are willing to consider such a fund. Everyone apparently agrees that such a fund is necessary and that they can only achieve this by working together.

In the past we had a similar problem with people trying to purchase or build a new house. Back then they created what is today a very successful program, the Fondo Nacional di Garantia pa Vivienda (the National Home Buyers Guarantee Fund). Thousands of families benefited from this program and were able to get mortgages

and are today owners of their own homes. It is with this same idea in mind that our ministers sat together with our financial institutions to study the possibility for creating a Guarantee Fund for Small and Medium Businesses.

The Prime Minister is convinced that everyone should be allowed to participate in the economic progress. The economic growth is offering many opportunities that our community should be a part of. The expectation for this Guarantee Fund is very high. We need to do whatever we can to help small and medium size businesses obtain the capital they need to grow their business and make the necessary investments, says the Prime Minister. The government's role in this process, according to the Prime Minister is to act as a catalyst in getting the financial institutions together to work on a program that will make capital more accessible. Also, to provide the support that our existing and new businesses need. They are an essential part of the economic growth of our country.

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Saudi Arabia, Kuwait recall Syria envoys

DAMASCUS (AFP) -Saudi Arabia and Kuwait recalled their envoys to Damascus after the Arab League condemned violence in Syria, leaving President Bashar al-Assad further isolated as he defended his crackdown on "outlaws."

Hours after the Saudi envoy's recall, rights activists said on Monday a mother and her two children were shot dead by security forces in the eastern city of Deir Ezzor, where 42 people were reported killed on Sunday in an army assault.

The recalls by Riyadh, the Arab world's Sunni Muslim heavyweight, and by fellow Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member Kuwait, mark a major escalation of pressure on Assad.

His regime has reacted with brutal repression to a pro-democracy uprising that has left at least 2,059 people dead,

among them nearly 400 members of the security forces, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

"Saudi Arabia announces the recall of its ambassador for consultations," King Abdullah said in a statement after Syrian security forces killed more than 50 people on Sunday.

The statement urged Damascus to "stop the killing machine and the bloodshed... before it is too late."

The Saudi decision was followed by Kuwait, the second member of the six-nation GCC to recall its ambassador.

"No one can accept the bloodshed in Syria... The military option must be halted," Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammad al-Sabah told reporters.

Activists said security forces backed by tanks killed

42 civilians in Deir Ezzor and at least 10 more in the central town of Hula on Sunday.

Assad roundly defended his security forces on Sunday.

"To deal with outlaws who cut off roads, seal towns and terrorise residents is a duty of the state which must defend security and protect the lives of civilians," state news agency SANA quoted him as saying.

US and European leaders pledged to consider new steps to punish Syria after security forces killed more than 30 people on the first Friday of Ramadan, the holy Muslim month of fasting.

EU nations are eyeing new sanctions against individuals and businesses linked to the clampdown, EU diplomats asking not to be identified said on Monday.

Fresh outbreaks of violence in London

LONDON (AFP) -Riot police faced off with youths in fresh violence in London on Monday in the third day of disorder after some of the worst rioting in the British capital in years at the weekend.

Scores of young people gathered in a main street in the eastern district of Hackney, smashing up buildings and breaking into a truck that became stranded in the middle of the road, pulling out its contents, pictures showed.

Several parked cars were torched before police in riot gear arrived to push back the youths, an AFP reporter at the scene said.

The violence threatened to spread out of the capital with reports that police in the central English city of Birmingham were struggling to contain a large group of

youths who had earlier smashed several shop windows.

The trouble in Hackney began when police tried to carry out a stop and search operation, the BBC said, citing reports, but a police spokesman could not immediately confirm this.

Hackney is a few miles (kilometres) from Stratford in east London, where the 2012 Olympics will take place in a year's time.

Police said they had made 215 arrests since the riots began. The youngest person arrested was an 11-year-old boy.

The districts worst hit by the violence -- Tottenham, Brixton in south London, Hackney and Peckham -- are multi-ethnic areas which have high rates of unemployment

Latin America stock markets plunge on global jitters

SAO PAULO (AFP) - Stock markets across Latin America, led by regional powerhouse Brazil, plunged yesterday amid a global slide after Standard and Poor's downgraded the US credit rating and fears over the eurozone crisis.

The Sao Paulo bourse -- the largest in Latin America -- sank 8.0 percent on closing, while Mexico, the region's second-largest, was down 5.88 percent, the sharpest dive since September 2008.

The S&P's credit downgrading of the US economy "scared" investors and left markets "more volatile" than normal, said Cristina Helena Pinto de Mello, an economist

at Sao Paulo's Universidad Catolica.

Investors fear that problems associated with the ballooning US debt will slow down the US economic recovery, "with consequences for those economies that depend on sales to the United States," she said.

The Buenos Aires stock market sank 10.73 percent, while in neighboring Chile, the Santiago stock market was down 6.92 percent, a drop unseen for the past 13 years.

In Lima, the Peruvian stock market dropped seven percent and trading was suspended one hour before closing, while Colombia's stock market was down 4.1 percent.

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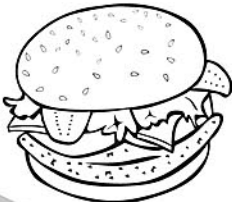
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“Youngsters for the Kingdom” project recruiting Arubans

ORANJESTAD -- On August 13th they plan to hold the “Kick off meeting” of the “Youngsters for the Kingdom program” organized by “Jongeren van het Koninkrijk” and her Aruban division. This event is planned to be held in the Renaissance Conference Center beginning at 6:00pm. The Prime Minister of Aruba will be the guest speaker.

After a successful launch of the “Jongeren van het Koninkrijk” in Holland and Curacao, they look forward to launching it here in Aruba. They will also inaugurate the official logo on the night of the 13th which we consider an honor for Aruba.

This organization is an independent, non-political

foundation which has recently been launched in Holland. The intention is for young people of every part of the Dutch Kingdom (Holland, Aruba, Curacao, St. Maarten as well as Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius) to become a part of this initiative. The objective is to create better relations and cooperation within the Kingdom, as this is important for the future of the Kingdom as a whole and because it is our young people who will eventually take the reins in the future.

It is their intention for every island to be represented by their own “division” which will have a direct link to the board in Holland.

There are many areas

where we can work together to achieve specific objectives according to the organizers.

During the launch of the program on August 13, there will be an open dialogue with young people along with the Prime Minister of Aruba. They will focus on what the Dutch Kingdom means for us and for our future together, particularly as a Kingdom partner.

For more information you may visit and register at their website www.jvhk.info. Or, you may visit www.jongeren-vanhetkoninkrijk.org. You may also contact Douglas (Danny) Rollock, founding member of the Aruba Division at d.rollock@jvhk.info.

Tourism has grown by over 6% in first 7 months!

ORANJESTAD - As of December 2010 to July 2011 we have seen a consistent growth in our tourism, according to the statistics of the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA), which has been confirmed by Central Bank.

Otmar Oduber, Minister of Tourism says that the Central Bank sees this growth in conjunction with the reopening of the Valero Refinery and the investments that the government is making. These, they claim are all part of the positive recovery of the economy and the resulting growth.

Oduber met last week with representatives of the various tourism external offices of Aruba to discuss and analyze 2012 and to evaluate the first months of the new ATA Sui Generis. Oduber was very pleased with the manner that this new Office got organized and began moving our tourism forward with such great results. According to the Minister, the month of July just like that of June which are considered low season months we were able to see significant growth. In June there was a 13.2% tourism increase and for July this was 7.9% in tourism arrivals. This means that we have surpassed our expectation

of 3%. Actually this results in more than 6% growth for the first 7 months of the year.

Despite the economic situation in the US, Aruba maintained a 5 to 6% growth in the month of July. Oduber is convinced that their decision to invest more in the Latin American markets, particularly in Venezuela which is our second largest market, as well as in the European market have resulted in being very fruitful. According to Oduber, we are nonetheless very cognizant of the fact that there may be very challenging months ahead, especially from our US market.

However, says Oduber... “we want to be ahead of anything facing us; we want to prepare for whatever possible effect that the US measures would have on Aruba’s tourism.” We need to be proactive and prepare for any eventual consequences from the American market on our tourism, according to Otmar Oduber, Minister of Tourism.

Aruban economy expected to grow by 10%!

ORANJESTAD -- According to the government of Aruba, the economy of our island is expected to grow by 10 % this year yet, 2011. This expected growth, according to the Prime Minister is as a result of their economic stimulus plan.

In said plan they succeeded in getting KLM and Carnival Cruises to return to the island and in the reopening of the Valero Aruba Refinery. They reduced the sales tax (BBO) and placed great

emphasis on our tourism.

The government also placed great emphasis on improving Dutch relations with Holland. Attention to the social issues was also addressed and they increased the welfare stipends, and introduced a school stipend for school-age children of needy families.

Today the island is making large investments in an immense BoAruba project. This project entails the renovation and improvement of our bar-

rios as well as the city center. This program has two major effects, first we can feel the immediate economic impulse it has brought by creating jobs. And, the second is that Aruba will become more attractive and better organized. We will be able to enjoy it for many, many years. The government of Prime Minister Eman obviously takes credit for this advancement and for the 10% economic growth expected.



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Government signs contract for beautification ...

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Rendering of new annex designed by Leo Ponson and Orlando Hoevertsz

The contract for the construction has been awarded to ALBO N.V., and Minister Sevinger credits the company for their innovative attitude in presenting a bid that was within the government's budget, but would still guarantee the quality of construction and the materials required. An agreement was signed on Friday, August 5 scheduling the project be completed within 18 months of commencement, or there will be penalties. The winning bid for the completed work is 18,050,000 Aruban florins, (\$10,314,285 U.S.)

A large part of this project will be the thorough refurbishment of Aruba's Government House and the construction of

a modern annex designed by local architects Leo Ponson and Orlando Hoevertsz, which will contain the offices of nine ministries and auxiliary services. This will be at the rear of the present structure, in what is now a parking lot. The annex has been designed to be "completely green," with built in technology to harness solar and wind power as well as recirculation of waste water and other measures.

Buildings directly behind government house will be restored and become a part of the Historical Center. Landmark buildings will house a number of museums, a permanent art exhibit of works by local artists, cafes, and there is



Prime Minister Eman and Minister Sevinger

planned a small plaza with a monument placed to Aruba's "Father of Culture" and co-composer of Aruba's National Anthem, Juan Chabaya (Padu) Lampe.

Prime Minister Eman expressed that this is the realization of a long harbored dream, to see Oranjestad as a glorious

attraction for island residents and tourists, preserving and showcasing Aruba's history and culture. Minister Sevinger expressed that in every way, "the project is a win/win situation for the government, contractors and the people of Aruba."

By Rosalie Klein



A pedestrian walk and plaza will stretch between historic structures

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Bon Bini Festival is tonight



ORANJESTAD -- The weekly Bon Bini Festival takes place tonight at the Fort Zoutman in Wilhelminastraat. Come mingle with the locals and enjoy a taste of Aruban culture.

This week the festival will feature the traditional Aruba caha di orgel Ban Baile, folkloric music by Tico y Sus Estrellas, dance performance by Youth in Action, trio performance by The Heart Breakers, poem declaimed by Samantha Trinidad, soloist Quincy Hasham and steel pan band The New Generation.

During the festival there will be local food, sweets and traditional local arts and crafts on sale.

Arubus has regular busses from all hotels areas to Oranjestad Central Terminal, which is only a short walk from Fort Zoutman. Round trip bus fare is \$2.30. The festival is from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Entrance fee is \$3, =

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Linear Park Project advancing nicely Minister suggests formula for hotels to deal with utility increase

Minister of Labor, Otmar Oduber meets weekly with the project team to continue monitoring the work of the Linear Park Project. This, according to the minister is to ensure that our goal of getting the project completed before the royal visit of the Dutch Queen. The Linear Park's Plaza Turismo is one of the sites that the royal family will be visiting while here on Aruba.

During the first months of the project there were a few setbacks particularly because of some utilities, piping, water, electricity cables and some changes which SETAR needed to make. Then, there were also some surprises simply because the area had not received any attention for the past 40 to 60 years.



The groundbreaking was in February at which time they had announced that the project would be completed in 7 months. This is why Oduber claims that they are progressing on schedule and we could have noticed the changes in the construction process in recent weeks. By the end of October

we should see even more progress.

The minister is convinced that once this project is completed it will be an important center of attraction, not only to elevate the quality of tourism, but also for our own local people who will be able to use it as a recreation and exercise area.

ORANJESTAD -- Minister Otmar Oduber gave cognizance to the effect that the increase in the electricity and water tariffs may have on our hotels. According to Oduber, he is aware of the fact that the hotels are among those businesses that consume a great deal of water and electricity, and that they are the ones that will be hit hardest by the increase. However, says, Oduber, in the past it was so that those who consumed the most paid less than those who used less, and there was no incentive for people to use less water and electricity.

In a planned meeting with the hotel association (AHATA) the minister intends to show his understanding for the current situation. At the same time, he will

show how that our tourism is growing in leaps and bounds, that there is an 8 to 9% increase in RevPar compared to last year, and an increase in ADR as well. These aspects must also be taken into account so that we should not expect any negative effect on our tourism.

The minister is convinced that the growth in the number of visitors combined with better hotel rates, combined with the efforts of the government to introduce incentives to reduce the consumption of water and electricity, should be the formula to use to avoid an increase in the cost of doing business for our hotels without having to cut into their profits or raise their prices.



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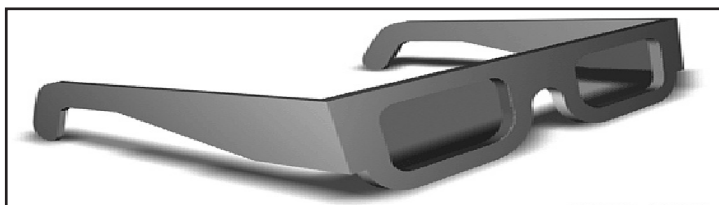
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Sci-Tech

Full HD 3D Glasses Initiative wants to standardize 3D glasses



The entertainment industry might have its panties in a bunch over 3D technology, but so far consumers still seem wary, with sales of 3D-capable HDTVs and 3D content perhaps generously described as lukewarm. Part of the hurdle for consumers might be the hassles of those big, bulky, clunky, awkward 3D glasses: 3D shutter glasses from a Sony 3D television don't work with a system from Panasonic, and neither of those systems work with (say) the Nvidia 3D Vision technology buyers might have been considering for a gaming PC. And while most sets come with a pair or two of shutter glasses, extra pairs are pricey.

Now, leading electronics companies Panasonic, Samsung, Sony, and Xpand 3D have announced a new "Full HD 3D Glasses Initiative" that aims to create joint licensing for existing Bluetooth and IR-controlled 3D

shutter glasses so glasses can be compatible across a wide range of 3D displays—including TVs, computers, projectors, and 3D theaters.

Existing 3D glasses use a variety of technologies and protocols to communicate with 3D displays: Panasonic and Sony currently use technology that relies on infrared transmission (like remote controls) where Samsung currently uses Bluetooth-based technology to handle its 3D glasses. The Bluetooth SIG is backing the initiative, and the industry has generally been eyeing Bluetooth solutions to provide greater range and freedom of movement.

The group aims to create a new, licensable technology standard for 3D glasses that can be used by a variety of manufacturers, but that will also provide backward compatibility for 3D shutter glass technologies in the companies' 2011 product lines.

Battery life woes

Our gadgets grow more powerful by the day, but at a price — and not just one that will hit you square in the wallet. Whether you've got an iPad, a laptop, or a smartphone, you're likely giving it a technological workout that would have been unimaginable only a few short years ago.

Just like streaming a music video sucks down more bandwidth than sending a tweet, it also consumes more of your battery's charge. Some portable computing devices, like the iPad and many netbooks are built to go the distance, but most laptops will putter out after a couple of hours away from an outlet.

Poor battery life is also a criticism frequently leveled at powerful new smartphones. While a Motorola Razr from 2006 could stay charged for 16 days worth of standby time, 2010's popular HTC Evo 4G can keep kicking for 6. Even the famously battery-efficient iPhone 4 tops out at about 12. Until battery life can catch up to sheer power, we'll be keeping our eyes peeled for the next spot to charge up.

And the uneven experience of many new gadgets doesn't stop there: in a phenomenon that a recent Time article aptly calls "beta culture," manufacturers rush out half-finished products left and right just to keep pace with industry trailblazers (namely, Apple).

Few replicas as first cloned cat nears 10



A cat named CC — which stands for Carbon Copy, is held by her owners Duane and Shirley Kraemer in this undated photo at her home in College Station, Texas. Nearly ten years after scientists cloned the first cat, predictions of a vast commercial market for the 'resurrection' of beloved pets through cloning have fallen flat. But CC's dotting owners still consider her a great success because she is completely normal. CC — which stands for Carbon Copy — was born in an A&M lab on December 22, 2001, from a cell taken from a calico cat named Rainbow that was inserted into another cat's embryo. The embryo was then implanted into a surrogate named Allie. While CC has Rainbow's exact genetic construct, she lacks her orange coloring because generally only two colors — not three — can be transferred when cloning calicos. "Cloning is reproduction, not resurrection," Kraemer, who is now semi-retired, told AFP in an interview at his College Station home. That — along with a price tag which could reach six figures — is one of the main reasons why cloning pets hasn't worked out. "The market is actually extremely small" — Too few pet owners sought its services, Lou Hawthorne, the head of BioArts, wrote on the company's web site two years ago when explaining why the firm was getting out of the pet cloning business. (AFP photo)

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Health & Living

Austria debates abortion in public hospitals

VIENNA (AFP) - A call for wider access to abortion in Austria has seen tempers flare, reigniting a debate over whether it is a right and whether public hospitals should offer the procedure.

"Pregnancy terminations should be offered in every region," Health Minister Alois Stoeger said in a recent interview with the weekly News, drawing a heated response from some political parties and medical professionals.

According to the ministry,

29 public hospitals and private clinics offer pregnancy terminations in Austria, but these are all concentrated in the east of the country, with none in the western.

And while a handful of private practitioners do offer the procedure in the west, the costs are inevitably higher than in public hospitals.

"A whole group of people, ie. women, is not being taken seriously if in all of western Austria this option (of abortion) does not exist," the Social Democrat Stoeger told News.

"Women have the right to decide whether they want a termination or not," he added, and threatened to withhold state funds if public hospitals did not widen access.

Carrying out abortions is not the job of public hospitals, and it will stay that way," fumed Vorarlberg's vice-governor Markus Wallner in response.

"There is no such thing as a right to abortion," FPOe

deputy Dagmar Belakowitsch-Jenewein added in response to Stoeger's proposal, while the president of the medical association warned it would be "ethically questionable to force doctors to carry out abortions against their will."

The People's Party, and unsurprisingly the Catholic Church, called for more measures to promote family life and encourage women to keep their child.

Stoeger's proposals were welcomed, however, on the other side of the political spectrum by his fellow Social Democrats, the opposition Greens and the media, which warned of the risks of seeking an abortion from illegal practitioners. While no official statistics exist, it is estimated that some 30,000 abortions occur every year in Austria.

An abortion can cost anywhere between 300 and 800 euros (\$425-1,130) and unlike some other European countries, it is not covered by health insurance.

Study: Spermless mosquitoes could halt malaria spread

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Malaria is spread to humans by female mosquitoes who suck blood in order to help their offspring grow, but British scientists said Monday that introducing spermless males could halt the deadly disease.

Scientists at Imperial College London said that by genetically tweaking male mosquitoes to produce no sperm, females would still mate with them but would lay unfertilized eggs that would not hatch into mosquito larvae.

Since the females of the species *Anopheles gambiae* sensu stricto, the main type responsible for spreading malaria in Africa, mate only once in their lives, the discovery could have broad implications for a disease that kills nearly 800,000 people per year.

"This study strongly suggests that they cannot tell the difference between a fertile and a spermless mate," said Flaminia Catteruccia, lead author of the study in the Proceedings of the National

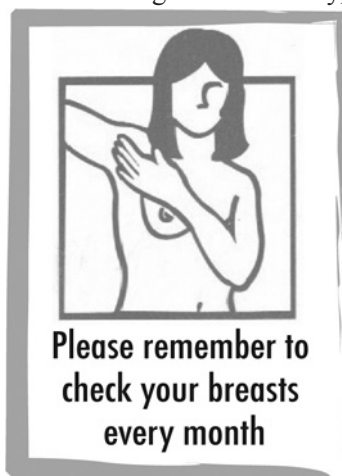
Academy of Sciences. Scientists created 100 sterile males by injecting a protein into mosquito eggs that disrupted the development of the males' testes, but did not affect any of their other behaviors or sexual functions.

Observing their mating processes in a lab, they found that the males still produced seminal fluid and the females mated with them as usual.

The females acted just they way they do in normal circumstances, eating a blood meal after mating and laying a batch of eggs. They did not seek out a second mating attempt even though their eggs produced no offspring.

Malaria claimed 781,000 lives in 2009, according to the UN's World Health Organization (WHO), which is heading efforts to distribute insecticide-treated mosquito nets and to spray reproduction sites.

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Marcos Arce, owner and chef of Delimar Restaurant in Oranjestad, shares a passion for the native cuisine of his homeland, Peru, with his wife Lorena, and together they share this pride with their patrons in the uniquely flavored and authentic dishes they offer seven days a week. Indeed, the restaurant is quite busy on weekends with members of Aruba's immigrant population from Latin American, who love this true taste of home.

The specialties of the house particularly reflect the cooking nuances of Lima, which is a port town, so seafood is showcased in a number of attractive and delectable dishes, with interesting and unusual sauces native to that region. Special peppers flown in from Peru provide the color, flavor and a new twist. Aji Limo (red), Aji Mirasol (yellow) and Aji Panca (maroon) play an important role in seasoning the very interesting menu, and as Marcos makes each dish to order, you can consult him on the degree of spiciness you prefer.

Marcos explains that Peru is the standard bearer for "fusion" cuisine, as a diversity of people from around the world; Spain, Italy, China, Japan and the slaves of Africa, have been settling there for 500 years and bringing their influences to the native cooking of the Incas, producing a most interesting mélange of flavors and ingredients.

Delimar dishes are beautiful to behold, quite tasty, and more than reasonably priced; looking over the menu, the single most expensive items



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are generous portions of seafood with Arrisotado (risotto) or Tacu-Tacu (Rice and Beans) or served Cau-Cau (seafood only), at \$16 for a main course. For landlubbers there is a fine selection of distinctive meat and fowl, again, the priciest is the Tenderloin in Champagne Sauce at \$17.50. Expect a very pleased reaction when you get your bill.

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Cas Animal Cont'd Determination brings a happy ending for Rocky



Portrait of a happy dog

Cas Animal Foundation was begun by Kiki Arndt, an expat who has live on Aruba for over 14 years. Always an animal lover, Kiki was horrified to discover in the home she rented that two loyal canine companions were left behind by the owners to fend themselves. They were weak from thirst and starvation, waiting for their masters to return, and she adopted them. This kind act soon became a calling and a foundation with the mission of building a proper no-kill shelter for Aruba's stray, abandoned and abused dogs and

cats. Kiki has a wealth of stories that will break your heart; we have told some of them here in our continuing series, but she also has a number of successes, and Rocky is one of them. A pit bull mix, Rocky belonged to her neighbors, but they gave him away. Somehow, he found his way back to his original neighborhood, though not quite to his home; a few houses short he was hit by a car. His foot was severely injured and he took refuge under a parked car. Some kindly neighbors took him in, and hoped his foot would heal on its own, but it appeared to be getting worse, so they called Kiki for advice.

Rocky was so very happy to see Kiki, like a long lost master, she took him in and to the

vet for treatment, as the neighbors were reluctant to spend the money. Though a bit aggressive with other grown males, she found that Rocky absolutely adored puppies. He would protect them from the other dogs and let them climb all over him, nipping him playfully without the slightest reaction.

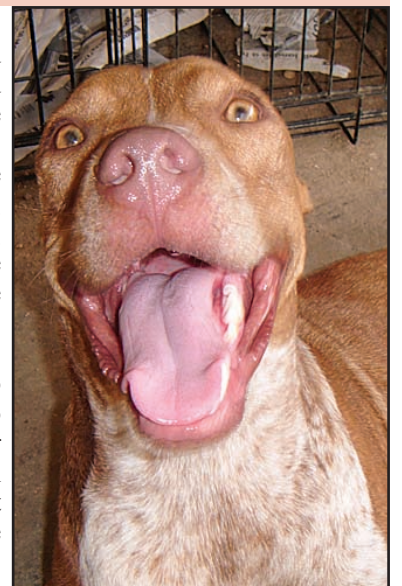
Rocky's foot healed after receiving the proper care and once neutered, Rocky was ready to be placed with the right home. Kiki found it with Rodney Boekhoudt; he has a quite large Filo-mix puppy which needed an equally large companion, and Rocky turned out to be the perfect foil for this rambunctious young dog. Dogs and cats generally do better when they also have a companion with which to grow and socialize; the two are now very happy together and well-adjusted. This is also a lesson for those who leave a dog alone for an entire day when they go off to work; having a companion will remedy the dog's boredom and anxiety and likely result in it doing less

damage.

Many stray, injured and abandoned dogs have passed through Kiki's home, where she now houses 80 dogs, 38 cats reside at a friend's. Some stories have happy endings, such as Rocky's, some do not, despite her efforts, and some stay with Kiki until they die of old age.

The smallest donation assists Kiki in her mission to raise the funds she needs to build a proper animal shelter on land she has already been awarded by the government for this purpose; these can be made by calling her at: 565-2130 or 742-8732. You can also report a stray or injured dog as she maintains an Animal Ambulance to rescue them.

Kiki also encourages island visitors to adopt one of her dogs or cats; or perhaps one they have befriended on the beach or streets. She will walk you through the simple process of transporting your new companion back home. Her expenses for feeding all the animals she has taken in are as-



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tronomical, as well as her veterinary bills, and donations can be made by paying on her account at the Contreras Clinics in Shaba or Savaneta, as well as directly to the bank account of Cas Animal Foundation, CMB Bank account # 25762110.

Our continuing series and her progress can be followed on the Cas Animal Facebook page

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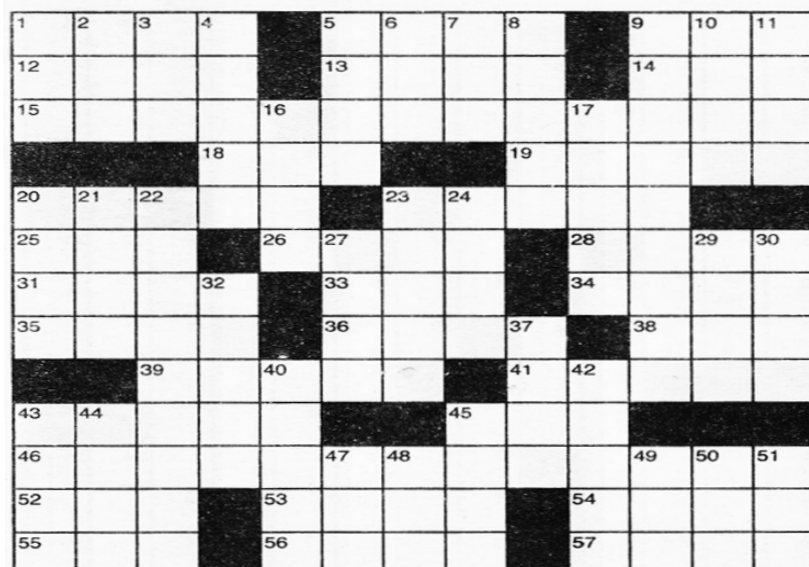
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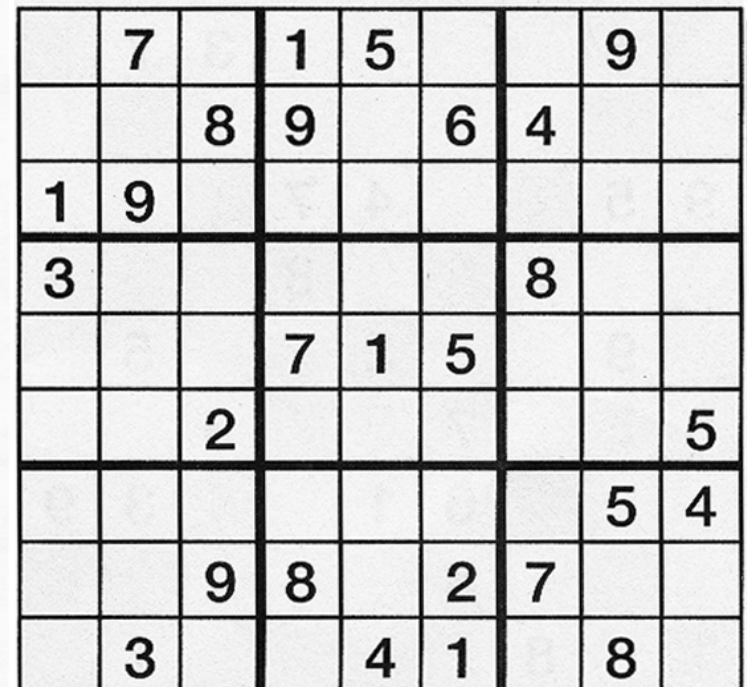
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US Stocks plummet as uncertainty grips world markets

NEW YORK (AFP) - Fear and mass selling triggered after the US rating was downgraded from AAA continued across stock markets in the US and around the world. Despite US President Barack Obama claiming to the counter and promising better times, Dow Jones fell 5% on Monday.

US stocks plummeted more than five percent on Monday, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average losing 634 points, after Standard & Poor's dealt the United States an unprecedented downgrade.

The Dow was down 5.6 percent to finish at 10,809.85, its lowest close since last October. It was the steepest one-day drop in point terms since the financial crisis of 2008.

The broader S&P 500 fell 6.7 percent to 1,119.46, while the tech-heavy Nasdaq dropped 6.9 percent to 2,357.69.

S&P lowered the US long-term sovereign debt rating from AAA to AA+ after markets closed Friday, citing Washington's inability to rein in its mounting deficits.

US stocks started falling as markets opened and hit new lows after President Barack Obama gave a televised speech to defend Washington's credit-worthiness and declare that the United

States "always will be a triple-A country".

Traders worried that the downgrade would hit the bond markets, but instead Treasury prices rallied strongly.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 2.34 percent from 2.56 percent late Friday, while 30-year bonds dropped to 3.66 percent from 3.82 percent. Bond prices and yields move in opposite directions.

Gold, seen as a safe-haven asset in time of financial turmoil, was trading for \$1,716.68 per troy ounce on the spot market in New York, after earlier hitting a new intraday record of \$1,720.82.

"The S&P downgrade of US sovereign debt, to AAA to AA+, sent a shockwave

through the markets today," said Briefing.com.

All of the Dow's 30 blue-chip stocks closed lower on Monday, but losses were steepest among financial companies, industrials and corporations whose bottom lines are closely tied to commodity prices.

JPMorgan Chase fell 9.4 percent, while American Express closed the day 8.8 percent down.

Bank of America plunged an eye-popping 20.3 percent after it was hit with a \$10.5 billion lawsuit from insurer AIG over its sales of faulty mortgage-backed securities prior to 2008.

Aluminum giant Alcoa dropped 11.4 percent, while Caterpillar fell 9.2 percent.

Dutch court puts gas storage plan on ice

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Netherlands' highest administrative court Monday ordered plans to build one of Europe's largest gas storage plants be put on ice, saying safety objections by interest groups needed further study.

The Hague-based Council of State said "it temporary suspended a decision" by the Dutch government to approve plans for the Bergermeer project near the northwestern town of Alkmaar.

"The answers to complex legal questions needs further investigation," the Hague-based Council of State added in its public judgment.

The Dutch government on May 17 gave the green light to develop the site, which would have a capacity to store 4.1 billion cubic metres of gas. Work was to start in mid-2011.

But fierce opposition met the project, particularly by local residents who said they feared the storage of natural gas could cause earthquakes and the facility would compromise the natural surroundings.

The Council of State said until it had more information from local groups including nature organisations and the local municipality, it "temporarily suspends plans to ensure there will not be irreversible consequences later."

Situated at Bergermeer, about 45 kilometres (30) miles north of Amsterdam, the facility is to be built at a cost of 800 million euros (\$1.13 billion dollars).

It was expected to be operational by 2014, according to UAE-based oil and gas group Taqa, which will construct and run the site.

Debt crisis resists assault by ECB and global leaders

FRANKFURT (AFP) - Battered markets tumbled further on Monday despite world leaders vowing to bolster financial stability with Barack Obama defending US credit and the European Central Bank intervening to stem a debt crisis.

Finance ministers and central bankers from the Group of 20 industrialised and emerging economies pledged to "take all necessary initiatives in a coordinated way to support financial stability and to foster stronger economic growth in a spirit of cooperation and confidence."

Their statement came after Asian stock markets suffered heavy losses after Friday's unprecedented US ratings downgrade.

European trade saw promising gains on the ECB action, but these melted away by noon and the losses deepened after Wall Street opened.

Oil plunged by more than six percent

The G20 stressed that its members would maintain constant contact "to ensure financial stability and liquidity in financial markets."

Earlier, the Group of Seven (G7) industrialised countries - Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States -- made a similar

commitment.

Economists warned that even the long-awaited ECB intervention on bond markets was no "silver bullet" and that big obstacles remained to stabilising strained public finances and putting credible eurozone defence mechanisms in place. Meanwhile European Central Bank chief Jean-Claude Trichet on Monday defended his decision to buy eurozone debt in order to shore up the Italian and Spanish economies and calm plunging equity markets.

"For reasons of monetary policy we are able to take exceptional measures," Trichet told German public television ARD.

The ECB is the only European institution capable of acting fast and keeping at bay so-called bond vigilantes who strike fear into finance officials.

But Barclays Capital economists warned that it might be hard to buy enough government debt to keep the pressure off for long.

Up to Monday the ECB had bought up 77 billion euros (\$109 billion) of public debt, a role it reluctantly agreed to adopt in the spring of 2010, at the time to help heavily indebted Greece

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Expatriates residing on Aruba, Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. Some may be quite well acquainted with a nationally known U.S franchise bearing the name "5", and patrons can expect the same great quality between the buns, but an expanded menu and Rosie and Aaron's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," comments Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

Prices vary only slightly between regular and small (basically 2 patties or 1) with specialty items such as Gouda Burger, Farmer's Burger, Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries, which are

made from hand-cut fresh Idaho potatoes, is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

If you are a fan of crispy friend onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe batter-dipped gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs; they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as well.

5 Burgers Aruba is open for lunch & dinner – daily hours are Noon to 10-ish; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner or Manager Marc Anthony when things are not too busy, to sit and chat while sharing their knowledge of the island. Totally yummy and fun plus a great deal for a quality burger, they are definitely worth a visit

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Musicians 'blackmailed' into charity gigs: British union



LONDON (AFP)- Professional musicians are being "emotionally blackmailed" into performing for free at charity concerts, Britain's Musicians' Union said Monday.

"It is wrong that many performing artists are expected to work for nothing when they are engaged for charitable and fundraising events," the union said.

"It is extremely unfair to put professional musicians into a situation where they are emotionally blackmailed into working for no fee and are asked to give their services to a good cause.

"This is particularly unjust

when others associated with the event, such as venue staff, lawyers and caterers, are being paid."

The union intends to put a motion to the annual Trades Union Congress next month.

They will also raise the problem of internships which do not pay a proper rate.

Latin Jazz players sue Grammys for axing award

NEW YORK (AFP) - Four Latin Jazz musicians are suing the Grammy Awards for cutting their category from the list of awards handed out each year.

In a suit filed in New York state court, the musicians accuse the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences of threatening their careers by denying them the chance to win a coveted Grammy.

The academy cut Latin Jazz along with 30 other categories in a streamlined list that still tops out at 78 awards.

But in their suit, filed last week, the four artists say the changes unfairly derailed their career-long build-ups to becoming Grammy winners.

The suit said the academy had determined back in 1995 that Latin Jazz was "a well-

Yoko Ono says Japan should look at Iceland

TOKYO (AFP) - Yoko Ono has an idea for her disaster-scarred country Japan -- abandon nuclear energy for renewables and tap the geothermal energy beneath the unstable ground of the volcanic island nation.

The artist and widow of John Lennon is in Japan for the first time since the March 11 quake and tsunami sparked a nuclear crisis, and as the country remembers the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

With her new exhibition, "The Road of Hope", she says she wants to stress that Japan, having rebuilt itself after World War II and the atomic bombings, can also emerge stronger from the quake and Fukushima radiation disaster.

"Right now it's horrible and of course we have to abolish it," she told AFP in an in-



In a handout picture released by the Mori Art Museum and taken on August 4, Yoko Ono signs a work of calligraphy during a talk organised by the Mori Art Museum in Tokyo about her show "The Road of Hope".

terview of Japan's atomic energy programme.

Like a growing number of Japanese, Ono favours a shift toward renewable energy such as wind, solar and geothermal power, which she said she became familiar with in another tectonically unstable country, Iceland.

One of Ono's projects is the Imagine Peace Tower near Iceland's capital Reykjavik, a memorial to Lennon, who was gunned down outside their New York apartment in 1980.

The stone monument -- which has the words "Imagine Peace" carved into it in 24 languages -- sends a column of light far into the sky using electricity from Iceland's geothermal energy grid.

Iceland produces over 80 percent of its energy from geothermal and hydro-power, and it uses the hot steam from

the earth for 90 percent of indoor and water heating. The country aims to be fossil-fuel free by 2050.

Speaking of Japan's wider disaster recovery, she said that this time, unlike after WWII, the country has the goodwill of the world on its side.

"After 3/11 I was in New York and I noticed an incredible respect and warmth toward Japan from the West," she said. "People felt they know Japan by now, they're friends."

Ono, an artist, musician and long-time peace activist, was this week awarded the Hiroshima Art Prize. She visited the city, which was bombed on August 6, 1945, and Nagasaki, which was attacked three days later.

Ono, who was a child in Japan during the war, remembered how those cities and the rest of the country recovered.





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US swimmer braves sharks on Cuba crossing



Diana Nyad

HAVANA (AFP) - A 61-year-old US swimmer battled shoulder pain and asthma in shark-infested waters off Cuba on Monday at the start of a trip to the United States aimed at promoting closer ties between the Cold War foes.

"We want these three days to help the two countries get closer," Diana Nyad told a press conference in Havana before embarking on her marathon swim, adding she also hoped to show that people can lead active lives after 60.

"I am a better athlete today than I was at 29," she told CNN.

A CNN producer following the journey by boat said that after 18 hours, Nyad had completed about a quarter of the 100-mile (166-kilometer) trip from Havana to the

Florida Keys and was battling more than currents and the risk of sharks.

"Everything's going well. She's had a little bit of a problem with her shoulder, it's been bothering her," said the producer, Matt Sloane, adding that Nyad had been treated with ice and anti-inflammatories.

She was also having "a little bit of trouble breathing" and had used an inhaler, he said.

"Otherwise, she's really strong," the producer added.

Nyad tried to cross the Florida Straits in 1978 but was forced to abandon the bid after 42 hours due to poor weather.

The following year, she set an open sea record by swimming from the Bahamas to the Florida Keys -- a journey that is the same distance as her current swim, but a

feat she described as much less dangerous.

Five yachts and four kayaks are accompanying her on the journey, along with a 45-person support team, including trained shark divers and electronic devices designed to repel the predators.

Australian swimmer Susie Maroney, at 22, became the first person to swim from Cuba to the United States in 1997, though she used a shark cage.

Nyad told NBC television's "Today" show that she declined to use a cage, adding: "I don't want to have that asterisk next to my name."

She will stop and tread water every 45 minutes to rehydrate and every 90 minutes to eat, organizers said.

The distance swimmer, who turns 62 later this month, set a record for circling the island of Manhattan at the age of 50, clocking in at seven hours and 57 minutes.

"It doesn't have to be a big moment," she told NBC about her latest feat. "It just means be engaged in your life. Don't let it go by. We all have one life and it's a one-way street."

The United States has not had diplomatic relations with Cuba since 1961, when it slapped a trade embargo on the communist-ruled island.



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Zimbabwe beat Bangladesh on Test return

HARARE (AFP) - Zimbabwe beat Bangladesh by 130 runs in a one-off Test at Harare Sports club on Monday to claim their first victory since making their return to cricket after a six-year absence.

Zimbabwe had set Bangladesh a victory target of 375 runs in their second innings having declared at 291-5 at tea on Sunday.

However, the tourists were bowled out for 244.

Despite a steady start to their second innings the tourists were restricted to 228 at lunch, 147 runs short of their target with only two wickets remaining.

Robiul Islam and Rubel

Hossain were left to continue Bangladesh's unlikely bid, which was ended by Kyle Jarvis when he had Islam, on 12 runs, out for lbw.

Although Zimbabwe have recently played in other formats it is their first victory in the most respected Test format since self-imposed exile in January 2005, inspired by the fact they had become the whipping boys of Test cricket with little prospect of improvement.

In recent years administrators have introduced a franchised five-province first class league that has provided players with a competitive edge.

Tevez facing uncertain future after City return

MANCHESTER (AFP) - striker Carlos Tevez returned to Manchester City's training ground on Monday with the Argentina forward's future still up for debate.

Tevez has repeatedly insisted he wants to leave City, having said he wanted to be closer to his two young children, who live with his estranged wife in Argentina.

But a possible move to Brazilian side Corinthians broke down last month and Tevez has since been linked with joining Italian giants Inter Milan.

Tevez, who joined City from local rivals Manchester United two seasons ago, told an Argentinian television programme in June he would not return to Manchester even for a vacation and complained about the weather.

He said: "There's nothing to do in Manchester. There's two restaurants and everything's small. It rains all the

time. You can't go anywhere.

"There comes a moment where you say 'Where am I going to go with my family?' and you begin to feel bad."

"Of course, one trains, plays, does things, and when the family or friends come one feels bad and you can't take them to the movies because they don't understand anything."

"I will not return to Manchester, not for a vacation, not anything."

Tevez, 27, was City's captain last season when they won the FA Cup -- their first major piece of silverware in 35 years -- and finished third in the English Premier League, won by Manchester United.

The forward, who has recently been playing for Argentina in the Copa America, was not at Wembley on Sunday when United beat City 3-2 in the Community Shield, the traditional curtain-raiser to the English season that pits last term's champions against the FA Cup-holders.

England team see 'rioters' as disorder spreads

BIRMINGHAM (AFP) - England's cricketers found themselves watching rampaging youths being chased by police on Monday as violence in London spread north to the central city of Birmingham.

The team are in England's 'second city' for the third Test against India, which starts at the Edgbaston ground on Wednesday.

As has been the case during the past three days in London, premises were attacked, shop windows smashed and property stolen.

England are staying in a city centre hotel from where bowler Tim Bresnan told his followers on Twitter: "Just seen the rioters in Birmingham fleeing down the main street followed by a load of police in the full get up. What's going on?"

All-rounder Stuart Broad added on Twitter: "Police vans all around Birmingham

where we are right now."

A statement issued by West Midlands Police on Monday said: "West Midlands Police are aware of some disorder in Birmingham city centre."

"Several premises in the centre have been attacked with some shop windows smashed and property stolen in various locations."

Assistant Chief Constable Sharon Rowe said: "We will not tolerate mindless violence and damage anywhere in the West Midlands and are working to ensure

that the offenders are identified and caught as soon as possible."

London was rocked by a third night of violence on Monday. Riots erupted on Saturday in Tottenham following the police shooting of a local resident, Mark Duggan, earlier in the week and then spread around the capital.

Initially, the violence centred on Tottenham High Road in north London, less than a mile from English Premier League football club Tottenham Hotspur's White Hart Lane ground.

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Athletes hit back at Williams over Tiger rebuke



Caddie Steve Williams (L) talks with Adam Scott

ATLANTA (AFP) - Steve Williams, the caddie fired last month by Tiger Woods after carrying his clubs in 13 major triumphs, has been roundly criticised for his remarks after caddying for Australian Adam Scott in his victory at the World Golf Championships Bridgestone Invitational.

Scott's win on Sunday was one of the biggest triumphs of his career in one of his first events with 47-year-old New Zealander Williams as his caddie.

"That's the best week of my life. I have been caddying for 33 years, 145 wins, and that's the best win I've ever had," said Williams, who also called it his "most satisfying win" and added "I sort of believe in destiny sometimes".

The subtle digs at Woods, the former World No. 1 now ranked 30th who won 13 of his 14 major titles with Williams as caddie, brought swift rebuke on Twitter posts.

Paul Azinger, the 2008 US Ryder Cup captain, was stunned Williams would rebuke Woods as he did, posting, "Wow! Really? In yo face TW?"

"Steve Williams breaks

the unwritten caddy rule, by talking to the press. Most don't, a few do at times when appropriate," Azinger posted later.

US tennis star Andy Roddick was stunned as well.

"Am I missing something? Was Steve the one actually playing?" Roddick pondered in one posting, later noting, "the guy was just happy for his new employer! So happy for him that he almost mentioned his name".

And Roddick was far from alone in feeling that Williams stole the spotlight from Scott.

"Steve surely doesn't seem bitter at all," tweeted US LPGA player Christina Kim. "Greatest week of my life. Good job congratulating Adam, who hit the shots, you knob."

English golfer Oliver Wilson posted: "Cannot believe they have interviewed Steve Williams. Nice of him to take away from Scotty's win. Says it all..."

Woods had said he fired Williams in person on July 3 at the PGA National event near Philadelphia, but Williams said the dismissal came in a telephone conversation after the caddie asked

to work for Scott on a temporary basis while Woods was recovering from left leg injuries suffered at the Masters.

"He called me up when I asked him to go and caddie for Adam and he didn't agree with it and thought it was time to take a break," Williams said. "In caddie lingo, that means you're fired."

Williams was cheered by spectators as he walked up the 18th green alongside Scott, who cracked, "I had no idea how popular a New Zealander can be, coming from Australia. Surprising."

But Scott also gave serious praise to Williams' effort, saying, "Obviously he's a popular guy around here having won now eight times. They appreciate him a lot and he's a bit of a character. It was fun to get support, whether it's for me or him, I don't care. It's the right team."

Scott said he wants no part of bitterness between Woods and Williams, although many golf fans can hardly wait to see how tense the situation is when Woods and Scott are next paired together.

Klinsmann's American dream set for Mexico kick-off

PHILADELPHIA (AFP) - Jurgen Klinsmann will kick off his tenure as USA coach on Wednesday with a friendly against North America's other perennial powerhouse and longtime US archrivals Mexico.

The former German star, a World Cup and European Championship winner as a player, was appointed on July 29 and said in naming his squad his goal is to spark competition for every position on his team.

"There are many players who are established as well as many players who will get

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Real sign seven-year-old Argentine - club

MADRID (AFP) - Spanish giants Real Madrid have signed a seven-year-old Argentine boy, a spokesman for the club confirmed on Monday.

Leonel Angel Coira, who has lived in Spain for the past three years, "will start training with the children's team on September 6," the

spokesman, Juan Tapiador, told AFP.

In an interview with Argentine sports daily Ole last week, Leonel said he hoped to make Real's first team one day -- even though his idol is Lionel Messi, star of Madrid's arch-rivals Barcelona.

His father Miguel, who is the coach of a small team in the Madrid suburbs, told the Spanish newspaper ABC that Leonel had signed a one-year contract that can be renewed but will receive no salary. From the age of 16 he can play in the first team.

He said his son decided on Real after receiving an offer from cross-town rivals Atletico Madrid.

"The scouts (at Atletico) saw him and were the first to send a letter of invitation but after doing tests at both teams, he felt more comfortable at Real Madrid. I'm very confident about the club, I know they will take care of him," he said.

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Rangers' Young reaches 2,000 hits

ARLINGTON (AFP) - Michael Young registered his 2,000th Major League Baseball hit on Sunday as the Texas Rangers claimed a 5-3 victory over Cleveland.

Young became the 21st active player to achieve the milestone, which he reached with infield singles in the fifth and seventh innings off Indians starting pitcher Josh Tomlin.

"It's special, it really is

special," Young said.

The Rangers were trailing 3-0 in the seventh when Young hit his 2,000th, receiving a standing ovation from the crowd.

"It would have been nice if No. 2,000 would have been 500 feet to the opposite field," Young said.

"But at that point, we were losing, and I was just trying to get on base and get something started."

The Indians also applauded, and Tomlin tipped his cap on the mound in acknowledgement of Young's accomplishment.

"I really appreciated that," Young said of Tomlin's gesture.

"I felt bad for him, I didn't want him to have to wait a long time.

"He's trying to win a ballgame for his team, so I gave him the thumbs up and said 'Let's go.'

'Blade Runner' Pistorius realises a dream



SOUTH AFRICA (AFP)--A dream came true for double-amputee Oscar Pistorius Monday when he was named in the South African team for the world championships this month.

The 'Blade Runner' was selected for the 400 metres and is part of the 4x400 metres relay squad for the biennial competition to be staged between August 27 and September 4 in South Korean city Daegu.

Controversial women's world 800 metres champion Caster Semenya was another inclusion in a squad of 21 men and five women with national athletics boss James Evans saying all those who met the qualification times were selected.

"I have dreamt for such a long time of competing in a major championship and this is a very proud moment in my life. It is an honour to be representing my country at such a prestigious event," Pistorius said in a statement sent to AFP.

"I hope to do my best at the competition for South Africa. I am training hard in preparation for the event and I am looking forward to the championships immensely.

"The IAAF is a world-class governing body for our sport and I am grateful to have the chance to run in their events. It will be a great

day for me when I set out on the track in Daegu and hope to do my country proud."

Cleared three years ago to run against able-bodied athletes, 24-year-old Pistorius acknowledged that he faced an immense challenge at the world championships.

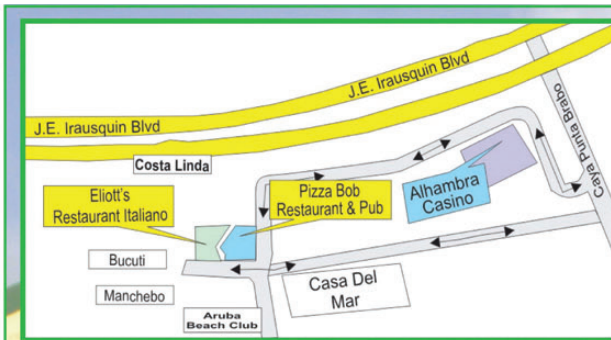
"This will be the highest profile and most prestigious able-bodied event which I have competed in and I will face the highest calibre of athletes from across the planet.

"If I manage to make it through the heats, I would be thrilled. A good performance for me would be to be consistent through the heats. If I ran anywhere close to my personal best, I would be delighted."

Pistorius, a four-time Paralympic gold medalist, clocked a personal best 45.07 seconds in Italian town Lignano last month to secure his place at the global athletics showpiece.

Called the 'Blade Runner' and the 'Fastest man with no legs', Johannesburg-born Pistorius had both legs amputated below the knee for medical reasons when he was 11 months old.

It did not stop him competing in rugby union, tennis, water polo and wrestling at school and the 1.86-metre athlete was eligible for the 2008 Beijing Olympics but failed to qualify.



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Wawrinka wins and pays homage to birthday boy Federer

MONTREAL (AFP) - Roger Federer turned 30 on Monday but fellow Swiss Stanislas Wawrinka gave himself a present instead as he out-classed Argentinian David Nalbandian 6-1, 6-4 to reach the second round of the ATP Montreal Masters.

Wawrinka, who won the 2008 Olympic doubles gold medal alongside Federer, said that while he wouldn't go so far as to give him a present he has the utmost respect for his compatriot as a player and a friend.

"I've known him since I was 16. We have always practised a lot, played together, played doubles, played the Olympics, the Davis Cup," said the 26-year-old.

"It's always good to know him and to play with him."

Wawrinka is making yet another change of tennis surface after playing on grass at Wimbledon, switching to in-

doors for a Davis Cup tie and then to clay for the Gstaad ATP event last month before turning to cement for the run to the US Open which starts on August 29.

"It's never easy," admitted the Swiss, who reached the US Open quarter-finals last year.

"But with experience every year it's more easy for me to come back from clay to hard court. I had almost a week, five days here to practise, to be ready.

"Everything is great. I'm playing great, I'm practising really well. To win in two straight sets was really good for me."

Wawrinka was followed into the second round by Alexandr Dolgoplov of the Ukraine. The winner of the Umag title a week ago in Croatia beat Erik Chvojka, but it took a battle to secure the 6-3, 5-7, 6-4 victory.

South African Kevin Anderson defeated Spain's Pablo Andujar 6-4, 6-4.

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